

HOUSE BILL 486

By Smith

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54  
and Title 65, relative to railroads.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 65, Chapter 3, Part 1, is amended by  
adding the following as a new section:

The department of transportation shall study the data collected on the following  
website, or any successor website, established by the federal railroad administration for  
the public and law enforcement agencies to report blocked highway-rail grade crossings:  
[www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings](http://www.fra.dot.gov/blockedcrossings). The department shall use the data to analyze the  
areas in this state impacted by the blocked crossings, including those areas where  
commerce is impeded or potential public safety risks are posed. The department shall  
report at least semiannually to the transportation committee of the house of  
representatives and the transportation and safety committee of the senate on its findings  
and any recommendations regarding the impacts resulting from blocked crossings on  
areas in this state, including the location and length of the obstructions.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.